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period code having a spreading factor equal to or lower than the spreading factor of said long period code.--

## REMARKS

Claim 1 has been canceled. New claim 12 has been added.

Accordingly, claim 12 is currently pending in the application.

Examination is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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